

Director's Meeting

Tuesday, 8 January 1952

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1. There was a brief discussion based upon Mr. Dulles' report on Senior Staff discussions of Southeast Asia, of the situation in that area and the possibility of doing something about [redacted]. O/PC had reported that there was not a great deal that could be done and the DCI was inclined to agree, at least in the event that he had heard of no suggestion that would do much to cure the weakness in the [redacted] area.

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2. In connection with the foregoing, Mr. Dulles noted that the President had been very much interested in the Log item with respect to the Karen.

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4. In connection with the foregoing, the DCI directed that the presence of important people in Washington should be noted in the Log.

5. Mr. Dulles handed to the Director another petition respecting Dr. Millikan and there was a brief discussion as to the desirability of having Dr. Millikan stay with the Agency.

6. Mr. Wisner reported that the DCI's letter to Secretary Lovett respecting China had been forwarded to the JCS and was held up there. The DCI said that we could wait a month and should then follow up with an inquiry as to what had been done. He requested Mr. Becker to remind him of this.
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7. Mr. Wisner reported on a talk had with Park Armstrong of State on the telegram from [redacted] (CIA) respecting [redacted] and the DCI instructed that Mr. Armstrong be given a paraphrase of this telegram.

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9. Mr. Wisner passed on a report from [redacted] that Milton Eisenhower would be in town on Thursday or Friday of this week at which time [redacted] planned to speak to him about the [redacted]. The DCI indicated that he would be willing to phone Mr. Eisenhower and Mr. Wisner is to inform him where the latter will be available on the dates indicated.

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10. Mr. Dulles also mentioned that [redacted] would be in Washington on Saturday; the DCI consented to see him.

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11. Mr. Wisner referred to the importance of the coming Greek trial showing up Communist methods and the DCI indicated appreciation of the importance of this trial, noting that it would tend to counter the position taken by Vishinsky respecting armistice talks, which would be very appealing to a great number of people unless they were warned of the true facts of Communist dealings.

12. Reference was made to the order integrating SO and PC operations and the DCI thereupon signed the order which had been prepared.

13. Mr. Hedden stated that Col. Baird had taken over the problem of the unclassified training pool, formerly administered by Gen. Davison, and would work it out by segregating the work into 10-day periods. He planned to make a fuller report on this at some later date.

14. There was further mention of the need for [redacted] as Headquarters Commandant and the DCI suggested that he might be an excellent number 2 man for Mr. Hedden.

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15. Mr. Hedden referred to a report on the radio to the effect that Mr. Popov, Deputy Director for Psychological Warfare for the Russians, had died at a relatively early age. He wondered whether there was an undeclared purge in progress. Mr. Becker mentioned that OCI was keeping record of Russian officials dying in middle age and said that he would get a report on this.

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16. Mr. White reported that he and Mr. Wolf had gone to see [redacted] who had confirmed their understanding that there is no other building in Washington available for CIA and [redacted] undertook to testify to this effect. It was also brought out with the talk with [redacted] that CIA was not restricted to 25X1 the tracts of land previously considered and that it might be possible to get space in the Soldiers' Home area in Washington, Northeast. The DCI commented that this would not be as good as the Nevins tract but authorized exploration on its possibilities. There was also brief discussion of the problem of the amount that CIA would get and the DCI felt that [redacted] would be the limit that Congress would authorize.

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17. Mr. White stated that the DCI might receive a call from the Hill on the resignation of one [redacted]. This was a man who admitted that he was a Communist Party member while a student in the University of Chicago just before he was to take a polygraph test and under the circumstances was permitted to resign. George Harvey, Secretary of the House Appropriations Committee, had called on some alleged injustices involved in forcing this man out of the Agency and it was planned that Mr. Pforzheimer would see him. He merely wished the DCI to be informed in case he received a call.

18. Mr. Becker informed the DCI that there would be no NSC meeting this week.



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